

## Maths vocabulary: Year 2 multiplication and division

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It is in year 2 that multiplication and division really become important. Understanding terms such as 'lots of', 'share equally' and 'divide' are all introduced in a practical sense i.e. children need plenty of opportunities to share items out and to group into sets.

The vocabulary introduced in year 2 concerning multiplication and division of numbers includes:

**lots of      groups of**  
**times      multiply      multiplied by      multiple of**  
**once      twice      three times**  
**four times      five times      up to ten times**  
**times as (long, big etc)**  
**repeated addition**  
**array      row      column**  
**share equally      one each      two each      three each      etc**  
**group in pairs      group in tens**  
**equal groups of**  
**divide      divided by      divided into**

Remember that new vocabulary should not be introduced in isolation, but in suitable contexts.

(Taken from Mathematical Vocabulary Book DfEE)

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